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## DIGEST

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HB 95 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the Lafourche Arc Taxing District in Lafourche Parish. Provides for the district's boundaries, purpose, governance, and funding, including the authority to levy an ad valorem tax.

Proposed law creates the Lafourche Arc Taxing District in Lafourche Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of providing services, training, advocacy, resources, and community connections to individuals with developmental disabilities. Provides for district boundaries. Provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners composed of seven members, all of whom are appointed by the governing authority of Lafourche Parish.

Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including the authority to incur debt, sue and be sued, adopt bylaws and rules and regulations, elect officers and appoint agents and employees, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation, to receive and acquire property and to enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual. Provides that the district shall not be deemed to be an instrumentality of the state for purposes of the state civil service provisions of the state constitution.

Proposed law authorizes the district to levy and collect an ad valorem tax on all taxable property located within the boundaries of the district, subject to voter approval, not to exceed two mills.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt an annual budget and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that the additional services, training, advocacy, resources, and community connections provided to individuals with developmental disabilities through the funding authorized in proposed law is supplemental to and not in lieu of such training, advocacy, resources, and community connections provided by other private and public entities located within Lafourche Parish.

(Adds R.S. 28:470.11)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove authority for the district to receive money or property by means other than purchase, gift, grant, and donation.